



Old Town Knightdale Small Area Plan UPDATE #2

Town of Knightdale Planning Department

June 14, 2006

Dear Old Town Stakeholder:

Consultant Selection:

On June 5, the Town received proposals from five (5) consulting firms for consideration by the Selection Committee. The responding firms were:

- Brown & Keener Bressi
- LandDesign
- OBS Landscape Architects
- Raybould Associates LLC
- The Lawrence Group

As the two people who have spoken the most to the Project Manager concerning downtown issues, Mr. Billy Wilder and Mr. Larry Starr were asked to help solicit community input at this early stage by either serving on the Selection Committee themselves, finding others who would or a combination of both. The Project Manager would like to publicly thank these two gentlemen for taking the time to evaluate the proposals and provide a uniquely citizen point of view.

After compiling the scores, it was clear that one firm consistently ranked at or near the top:

Raybould Associates LLC

The Raybould Team is based out of Raleigh and includes local experts in transportation, planning, architecture and development economics.

Budgeting:

Presently, the Town is attempting to negotiate a contract with the Raybould Team and is also preparing a budget amendment for the Town Council's consideration.

The Project Manager would like to note that funding for this downtown community investment is being secured through higher than projected revenues from the Planning Department in Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

Next Steps:

According to the consultant's schedule, the project will begin with "Background Work" conducted from July 5 through July 28. This work consists of:

- Staff Kick-Off Meeting and Tour
- Physical Analysis / Land Inventory
- Stakeholder Group Meetings
- Reviewing Public Policy Documents
- Market Review of Town and Old Town
- Public Kick-Off Meeting

Of particular importance during this timeframe are the **Stakeholder Group Meetings**. There will be up to six (6) meetings with groups of no more than ten (10) people at a time. The purpose of these meetings will be to provide useful information and perspectives on various issues affecting the study area.

If you are interested in participating in one of these meetings, please contact the Project Manager as soon as possible at 217-2245.

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